

Joint Plan of the Education Sub-Group
December 8, 2009

The Parties exchanged information on the national priorities of the Russian Federation and the United States of America in the field of education, the systems of organizational and financial support of international collaboration projects in education and reached an understanding of the importance of working together to educate future leaders to succeed in a competitive global environment.

Before the next subgroup meeting, the Parties will work together to develop projects of mutual interest in primary, secondary and higher education. We will focus part of the discussion specifically on developing educational and research initiatives, including science, language acquisition and proficiency, teacher education and professional development. We will also explore ways to develop new avenues engaging non-governmental organizations and the private sector in this endeavor and to broaden collaboration with other types of educational institutions, including U. S. community colleges and Russian vocational and technical institutes.

The parties look forward to expanding cooperation and sharing best practices between American and Russian national research institutions within such areas as energy including exploring nuclear and alternative energies, energy saving, etc., nanotechnology and the environment. We recognize the important role the national research institutions play in promoting economic development more broadly. To advance our mutual interests in these areas we propose exchange projects for US and Russian scientists, scholars and university administrators that focus on innovation and commercialization of technology and research as well as the application of new technologies to education.

The parties will expand existing exchange mechanisms, including the Fulbright program, teacher exchanges and University Partnerships program. Progress in these areas will allow for an increase in the number of university partnerships, within the framework of the Fulbright program, among others. Demand for mutual collaboration under these projects is high, and we are committed to seeking ways to minimize bureaucratic obstacles, such as visa requirements and funding mechanisms, that impede their implementation.

The parties have agreed that in January 2010 they will exchange ideas regarding the second round of negotiations on finalizing the plan of mutual activities for 2010-2012 through diplomatic channels.



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